

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2004.

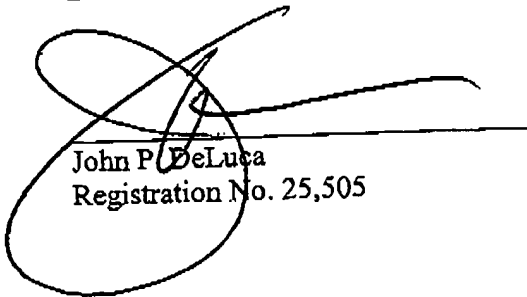
The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants' representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the invention during interviews conducted April 24, 2004, and May 28, 2004. During the latter interview the Examiner proposed certain amendments which he indicated would distinguish the claims over the art of record and would place the claims in a better condition for allowance. The proposals are generally acceptable and have been incorporated in the independent claims. Applicants have, however, modified the response to state that imaging obtains high resolution image data (or digital image data). The language provides antecedent basis for the processing step in the affected claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider his rejection of the claims, the allowance of which is earnestly solicited

Respectfully submitted,

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